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1) Responsive to communication(s) fi	iled on							
2a) This action is FINAL .	2b) This action is non-	final.						
3) Since this application is in condition closed in accordance with the practice of the state of				merits is				
Disposition of Claims								
4) Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are pending in the	, ,							
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/as	are willidrawn from conside	ration.						
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7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.								
8) Claim(s) 1-19 are subject to restricti	ion and/or election requires	mont						
Application Papers	on and/or election requires	nen.						
9)☐ The specification is objected to by th	e Examiner.							
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are:	a) accepted or b) object	ted to by the Exar	niner.					
Applicant may not request that any ob	jection to the drawing(s) be he	eld in abeyance. Se	ee 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
11) The proposed drawing correction file	d on is: a)□ approv	/ed b) disappro	ved by the Examiner	·.				
If approved, corrected drawings are re	quired in reply to this Office a	ction.						
12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to	by the Examiner.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120								
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim	n for foreign priority under 3	5 U.S.C. § 119(a))-(d) or (f).					
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:								
 Certified copies of the priority 	documents have been rec	eived.						
2. Certified copies of the priority	documents have been rec	eived in Application	on No					
3. Copies of the certified copies application from the Intern* See the attached detailed Office action	national Bureau (PCT Rule	17.2(a)).		tage				
14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim f	or domestic priority under 3	35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional a	application).				
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (F3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) P	PTO-948) 5) 🔲		(PTO-413) Paper No(s) atent Application (PTO-					

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-11, drawn to laminate with alicyclic polymer and thermoplastic layer.

Group II, claim(s) 12-17, drawn to laminate with low density polyolefin.

Group III, claim(s) 18-19, drawn to a process.

Evidence of lack of unity between the groups is found in JP 11-77924 wherein it is found to disclose the features of instant claim 12. As such the special technical features of the claimed invention are not found to define a contribution over the prior art.

A telephone call was made to Mr. Adrian on October 2002 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one

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or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jane J Rhee whose telephone number is 703-605-4959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 703-308-4251. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

Jane Rhee

November 13, 2002

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